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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A tamper indicating device comprising:

a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing fractures and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;

a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein; and

a mask on the tamper indicating device, the mask being in partial or whole registration with the window in the flood coat, wherein the mask and the flood coat are located on opposite sides of the backing and at least partially physically separated from the window upon application of the peeling force in a direction substantially away from the window, and
an adhesive layer bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 2 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 1, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The tamper indicating device of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The tamper indicating device of claim 2, wherein security marking[[s]] ~~are~~ is colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An article including a tamper indicating device, comprising:

an object having secured information;

a tamper indicating device comprising:

a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing fractures and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;

a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing; and

a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, such that the mask obscures the secured information of the object, wherein the backing is disposed between the mask and the flood coat until the mask is at least partially physically separated from the tamper indicating device upon application of the peeling force substantially away from the object; and

an adhesive layer attaching the tamper indicating device to the object, wherein the flood coat is disposed between the mask and the object.

Claim 7 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the flood coat defines a window.

Claim 8 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 9 (Original): The article of claim 8, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 10 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 11 (Original): The article of claim 10, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An article, comprising:

an object having secured information;

a tamper indicating backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing is light transmissive, and wherein a peeling force causes the backing to fracture and become more opaque;

an adhesive layer applied to the second side of the backing, wherein the adhesive layer is colored, and wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the an application surface of the object; and

a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, wherein the mask obscures the secured information of the object ~~until the mask is at least partially physically separated from the second side of the backing by at least partially physically separating the first side of the backing from the second side of the backing,~~

wherein the adhesive layer is disposed between the mask and the secured information,
and wherein the backing is disposed between the mask and the adhesive layer.

Claim 13 (Original): The article of claim 12, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing.

Claim 14 (Original): The article of claim 13 further comprising a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein, wherein security markings have substantially the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 15 (Original): The article of claim 12, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A tamper indicating device comprising:

a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing internally delaminates and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;

a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein; and

a mask on an outer surface of the tamper indicating device, the mask being in partial or whole registration with the window in the flood coat, ~~wherein the tamper indicating device is configured to at least partially physically separate into at least a first portion comprising the mask and a second portion comprising the flood coat upon application of the peeling force~~

wherein the mask and the flood coat are located on opposite sides of the backing.

Claim 17 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 16, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 18 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 16, further comprising an adhesive layer bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 19 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 18, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 20 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 17, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An article including a tamper indicating device, comprising:

- an object having secured information;
- a tamper indicating device comprising:
 - a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing internally delaminates and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;
 - a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing; and
 - a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, such that the mask obscures the secured information of the object ~~until the mask is at least partially removed from the tamper indicating device~~, wherein the flood coat and the mask are located on opposite sides of the backing; and
 - an adhesive layer attaching the tamper indicating device to the object, wherein the adhesive layer is adjacent to the flood coat
 - ~~wherein the tamper indicating device is configured to at least partially physically separate into at least a first portion comprising the mask and a second portion attached to the object upon application of the peeling force.~~

Claim 22 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the flood coat defines a window.

Claim 23 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 24 (Original): The article of claim 23, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 25 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 26 (Original): The article of claim 25, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The tamper indicating device of claim 1, wherein the peeling force is insufficient to separate the flood coat from the second side of the backing.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The article of claim 6, wherein the adhesive is configured to attach the tamper indicating device to the object with a bond strength that enables the tamper indicating device to remain at least partially attached to the object upon application of the peeling force ~~to separate the mask from the object.~~

Claim 29 (New): The article of claim 21, wherein an adhesive bond between the adhesive layer and the object is greater than a cohesive strength required to separate the first side and the second side of the backing.